Fire in the Ippuguda Railway Station building

1825. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building of Ippuguda Railway Station in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh was burnt down by the naxalites on 11th June, 1988; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss to railway property caused by the fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the Station Master's room of Ippuguda Railway Station in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh was burnt down by the naxalites on the night of 11/12th June, 1988.

(b) The estimated loss to railway property caused by the fire, is Rs. 4 50 lakhs.

Shortage of aircraft with IA and Vayudoot

1826. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of aircraft with Indian Airlines and Vayudoot necessitating cutting down the services in several sectors in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ease out the hardship experienced by the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines will be acquiring 19 A-320 aircraft during 1989-90. For augmenting the present fleet of Vayudoot as well as replace the old turbo props taken over by Vayudoot from Indian Airlines, a Committee has been set up by the Board of Directors of Vayudoot for evaluating the new generation 40—plus seater aircraft.

Road accidents

1827. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the number of road accidents in India, Statewise in each of the last three years and in the current year so far, and out of them the number of those which were fatal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): A statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 75.]

Express Highway between Ahmedabad and Baroda

1828. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the originally estimated and the revised cost of the Express Highway, being constructed between Ahmedabad and Baroda;

(b) what are the details of the progress so far made and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) where are the other locations in the country where more of such Express Highways are proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway in Gujarat State has been sanctioned for an estimated amount of Rs. 137.2 crores. Revision of cost estimate has not been consideded so far.

(b) The progress of road works upto 30th June, 1988 is 7.5 per cent and that of Bridge works is 5 per cent. The targetted date for the completion of Expressway is Decemer 1991.

(c) At present there is no proposal to construct any other Expressway in the Country.

Troubles with Boeing Planes

1829. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of troubles which developed in the Boeing planes during each of the last three years and in the current year; and what was the nature of troubles;

(b) wheher the Boeing Company has blamed the Indian maintenance arrangements and lack of proper training of the pilots for these troubles; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

KVS Teachers and Principals on deputation Navodaya Vidyalayas

1830. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details and names of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers and Principals who are on deputation to different Navodaya Vidyalayas as on 1st August, 1988; and

(b) what are the details of those deputationists who have been sent back or have come back from Navodaya Vidyalayas with reasons in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The required information is not readily available in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti. Since this information will have to be collected from more than 250 Navodaya Vidyalayas spread all over the country through its regional offices, it is felt that the results likely to be achieved may not be commensurate with the time and labour involved in the compilation of the required information.

Increase in the cases of adulteration

1831. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'Hindustan Times' of 3rd June, 1988 to the effect that the cases of adulteration are on the increase at many levels in respect of different commodities; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government has seen the Press Report.

(b) The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration is actively involved in checking the adulteration in food articles.

Loss suffered by the Indian Airlines due to shortage in capacity

1832. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing shortage of capacity in the Indian Airlines and what is the estimated loss being suffered by Government as a result thereof;